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In re Patent Application of:

Asano et al.

Application No.: 09/937,120

Filed: December 17, 2001

For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND  
DATA PROCESSING METHOD

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::: Group Art Unit: 2131

::: Examiner: L. Chai

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1, 4-9, 12-16, 19, 22-26, 29-33, 36, 39-43, 46 and 179-182, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A petition for a one (1) month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination are also submitted herewith.